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SUBJECT: ARAB FOLLOWUP TO WFC

1. SUDAN HELD ELEGANT PARTY MONDAY P.M. AT GRAND HOTEL.
WHILE ONLY THREE WEO DELS PRESENT, US DEL, LED
BY PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELLOR ANNE ARMSTRONG EFFUSIVELY RECEIVED.

2. IN COURSE EVENING AGRICULTURAL MINISTER IBRAHIM TOLD
KITCHEN THAT ARABS CONVENING POST WFC SYMPOSIUM AT KHARTOUM
MARCH 1-5. IN ADDITION TO ARAB LEAGUE MINISTERS, THEY PROPOSE
TO INVITE SMALL, SELECT GROUP OF RESPECTED REPS OF
WEO TO DISCUSS QUOTE WHAT NEXT END QUOTE. IBRAHIM SAID
THAT ONE U.S. SENATOR INVITED BY FONMIN KHALID HAS ALREADY
ACCEPTED. HE HOPED THAT KEY MEMBER OF U.S. EXECUTIVE
BRANCH COULD BE INDUCED TO ATTEND THIS FRANK, OFF-THE-
RECORD EXCHANGE WHICH WILL PROBABLY HAVE IMPACT UPON
SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, ARAB EMIRATES, AND OTHER GULF OIL
PRODUCERS. HE RECOGNIZED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER BUSY
AND RAISED POSSIBILITY SOMEONE SUCH AS ARMSTRONG OR JOHN
SCALI. THIS CONVERSATION LATER REITERATED TO MRS. ARMSTRONG
BY VICE-MINISTER AND MAMOUM BEHIRY, FORMER PRESIDENT OF ADB.
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3. USDEL SAID WE WOULD CONVEY MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON AND HOPED FOR RESPONSE BEFORE COB NOVEMBER 12.

4. COMMENT. MAJOR IBRAHIM LEADING GROUP PRESSURING OPEC TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS THIS WEEK. AMBASSADOR MARTIN TOLD BY SECT THAT THERE MAY BE AN OPEC RES INTRODUCED HERE CREATING FINANCIAL ENTITY IF CABLE APPROVAL RECEIVED FROM KING FAISAL. END COMMENT.

5. PLEASE PROVIDE DELEGATION GUIDANCE RE KHARTOUM MEETING AND NAME OF POSSIBLE ATTENDEE IF DEPARTMENT INTERESTED IN PROMPT FOLLOWINGS. DEPT MAY WISH CHECK ON ARAB SUPPORT FOR THIS SUDAN INIATIVE. VOLPE

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